TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2414 – HB 2574

March 23, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014512): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires any licensed health care practitioner to, within seven calendar days of acquiring knowledge of a federal or state indictment for an offense involving the sale or dispensing of controlled substances, report such indictment to the practitioner's licensing board. Failure to comply with this requirement may be grounds for disciplinary actions against the practitioner's license. Encourages the district attorney general and appropriate attorneys for the federal government to, when appropriate, promptly notify a relevant licensing board when a practitioner is indicted in this state for such offense. Requires the practitioner's licensing board to hold an expedited review of the practitioner's conduct alleged in the indictment, within 15 calendar days of learning of the indictment, to determine if the matter merits an expedited investigation by the board. Requires the Department of Health's Office of Investigations to conduct an investigation if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Any rulemaking and disciplinary actions authorized by this legislation can be accomplished within existing resources of the Department of Health and the Division of Health Related Boards.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Division of Health Related Boards had a cumulative balance of \$10,859,982.82.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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